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PROCESSING DATA PACKETS USING MARKERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to one embodiment, processing data packets includes inserting marker packets into a data stream at time intervals. Each marker packet includes a respective

5   first time stamp indicative of the time the marker packet is inserted. An estimate of the age of a data packet is calculated based on a current time system and the respective first time stamp of the last marker packet that was inserted into the data stream before the data

10   packet.